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SUBJECT: PRG PRESS CONFERENCE

1. THE PRG HELD A SPECIAL PRESS CONFERENCE AT ITS PARIS HEADQUARTERS NOVEMBER 7 TO PRESENT ITS EXPLANATION OF THE CURRENT MILITARY SITUATION IN SVN AND TO ATTEMPT VILIFICATION OF THE US AND GVN AS SOLE VIOLATORS OF THE AGREEMENT. SPOKESMAN SAU ATTACKED PRESIDENT NIXON AND SERETARY KISSINGER WITH VEHMENCE WHILE TRYING TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE US HAD NEVER INTENDED TO RESTORE PEACE IN SEA. MAIN TOPICS IN SAU'S PRESENTATION AND REPOONSSES TO QUESTIONS FOLLOW.

2. SVN MILITARY SITUATION: SINCE PRG "WARNINGS" TO THE GVN IN JULY, OCTOBER, AND EARLY NOVEMBER HAD NOT INDUCED THE GVN TO LESSEN OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS THE PRG WAS OBLIGED TO "CHASTISE" THE GVN. THE PRG AIM IS TO CARRRY OUT "PUNITIVE ACTIONS" WHICH WILL UPHOLD AND IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT. THE PRG CATEGORICALLY REJECTS  
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PROTESTS BY THE US AN GVN, FOR THESE "ALLEGATIONS" OF

PRG VIOLATIONS WERE ISSUED SOLELY TO JUSTIFY THEIR OWN  
"SABOTAGE" OF THE AGREEMENT.

3. BOMBARDMENT OF BIEN HOA: SAU DID NOT DENY THAT THIS  
HAD OCCURED BUT IN FACT INTRODUCED DISCUSSION OF THE  
MATTER AS AN EXAMPLE OF PRG "CHASTISEMENT" OF THE GVN.  
THE ATTACK WAS WARRANTED, SAU CLAIMED, BECAUSE THE BIEN  
HOA BASE SHOULD HAVE BEEN DISMANTLED AFTER THE AGREEMENT  
CAME INTO EFFECT. MOREOVER, VNAF HAD LAUNCHED MANY  
STRIKES AGAINST PRG TERRITORY ROM THAT BASE.

4. SVN POLITICAL SITUATION: MAINTAINING THAT THE PRG  
SOUGHT NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF SVN POLITICAL QUESTIONS  
"MORE THAN EVER BEFORE", SAU TRIED TO CONVEY AN  
IMPRESSION OF PRG READINESS TO CONTINUE WITH THE WEEKLY  
LA CELLE - ST. CLOUD BILATERAL MEETINGS DESPITE GVN  
"OBSTRUCTIONISM" IN MAKING THE USUAL DEMANDS THAT THE  
GVN RELEASE DETAINEES AND RESTORE DEMOCRATIC FREEDOMS SAU  
HELD THAT THE MOST URGENT AND MOST IMPORTANT SUCH FREEDOM  
WAS THAT OF UNIMPEDED MOVEMENT. THE US HELD PRIME  
RESPNSIBILITY FOR THE PRESENT SVN DOMESTIC SITUATION  
BECAUSE PRESIDENT THIEU WOULD HAVE HAD NEITHER THE DARING  
NOR THE MEANS TO CARRY OUT SUCH REPRESSION BY HIMSELF.

5. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VN: IN RESPONSE TO A  
QUESTION SAU TERMED RECONVENING THE INTERNATIONAL  
CONFERENCE AN "INTERESTING SUGGESTION". HE  
EXPRESSED REGRETS THAT CERTAIN UNNAMED COUNTRIES HAD  
EITHER TAKEN NO POSITION ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SVN  
SITUATION OR HAD TAKEN POSITIONS NOT CORRESPONDING WITH  
THE FACTS. SUCCESIVE PRG NOTES TO THE SIGNATORIES  
HAD FAILED TO STIMULATE SOME OF THEM TO LIVE UP TO THEIR  
RESPONSIBILITIES AS GUARANTORS OF THE PEACE.

6. VILIFICATIONS OF THE US: WHEN ASKED TO SPECIFY THE  
COUNTRIES DEFAULTING ON THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TO SVN,  
SAU BEGAN A LENGTHY DIATRIBE AGAINST THE US, LITERALLY  
WORKING HIMSELF INT A RAGE AS HE DEVELOPED HIS THEME OF  
US DUPLICITY. THE US HAD VIOLATED ARTICLES 1, 4, 6, 7,  
8, 20, AND 21 OF THE AGREEMENT AS WELL AS OTHER, UNMENTIONED  
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PROVISIONS. "THE NIXON ADINISTRATION SHOULD HAVE LEARNED  
ITS LESSON" IN SEA, THAT IS, "FORCE AND DOLLARS  
WILL NEVER IMPOSE THE US WILL ON A SMALL BUT PROUD PEOPLE  
WHO WISH, HOPE, AND RESOLVE TO LIVE IN FREEDOM".

7. NOBEL PRIZE: SUPPORTING THO'S STATEMENT DECLINING  
ACCEPTANCE OF THE PRIZE, SAU ALLEGED THAT THE US HAD  
ACTED IN COMPLETE VIOLATION OF THE SPIRIT AND LETTER OF

THE AGREEMENT, AND HAD DONE SO BOTH AS NEGOTIATOR AND SIGNATORY. THUS US WAS NEVER MOTIVATED BY A SINCERE DESIRE FOR PEACE, BUT RATHER WAS FORCED TO ACCEPT THE AGREEMENT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN RAPID WITHDRAWAL OF US FORCES AND RETURN OF US PRISONERS. IN 1972-73 THE MASSIVE ARMS AIRLIFT TO THE GVN, THE BOMBINGS OF HANOI, CONTINUED SUPPLY OF WAR MATERIEL AND ADVISORS TO THE GVN, ETC. HAD PROVEN THAT US NEGOTIATORS LACKED "PEACEFUL INTENT, SINCERITY, AND GOOD WILL", "TO SAY THE LEAST."

8. US DOMESTIC AFFAIRS: BESIDES SEVERAL CAUSTIC REFERENCES TO "WATERGATE" SAU HAD THIS TO SAY ABOUT US INTERNAL MATTERS: THE "VERY BASIC CAUSE OF THE US POLITICAL CRISIS" WAS AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN SVN. "CRIMES AGAINST THE VIETNAMESE AND AMERICAN PEOPLES" BY PRESIDENT NIXON AND HIS PREDECESSORS,  
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LEADERSHIP".

9. ECONOMIC AID: SAU CLAIMED THAT THE PRG HAD SIGNED AGREEMENTS ON ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES: PRC, USSR, MONGOLIA, CUBA, POLAND, HUNGARY, EAST GERMAN, BULGARIA, ROMANIA, ALGERIA, MAURITANIA, AND TANZANIA. HE ALLEGED THAT THE CALL OF A PRC FREIGHTER

AT DONG HA WAS FOR DELIVERY OF SUCH ASSISTANCE.

10. OTHER REFERENCES TO THE SECRETARY: SAU ANSWERED TWO OTHER QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE SECRETARY. THE FIRST CONCERNED THE MIDDLE EAST, SAU COMMENTING THAT THE SECRETARY'S ROLE IN VN SITUATION DID NOT INSPIRE CONFIDENCE IN HIS ABILITY TO RESOLVE THE ME CONFLICT. THE SECOND QUESTION CONCERNED THE POSSIBILITY OF A MEETING BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND PRG REPRESENTATIVES AT PEKING NEXT WEEK. SAU RESPONDED THAT THE PRG DEL AT PARIS HAD NO INFORMATION ABOUT THIS BUT HE IMPLIED THAT IT WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
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POSSIBLE IF THE SECRETARY SO DESIRED.

11. IN A HANDOUT DISTRIBUTED TO THE PRESS THE PRG ALLEGED THAT SINCE JANUARY THE US LEFT BEHIND OR SENT 24,000 MILITARY ADVISORS TO THE GVN AND HAD INTRODUCED OVER 620,000 TONS OF WAR MATERIAL. THE LATTER HAD INCLUDED 500 AIRCRAFT, 600 TANKS AND ARMORED VEHICLES, 600 HEAVY ARTILLERY PIECES, AND 200 WARSHIPS. MORE THAN A HALF MILLION TONS OF BOMBS AND SHELLS COMPOSED THE BALANCE OF ALLEGED SHIPMENTS.  
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